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SUBJ: TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. BECAUSE OF THE RECENT CHANGE IN FOREIGN MINISTERS THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAS NOT YET OFFICIALLY GIVEN US ITS PROPOSALS FOR THE SECRETARY'S AND MRS. KISSINGER'S SCHEDULES, AMBASSADOR T.N. KAUL AND THE HEAD OF THE AMERICA DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, J.S. TEJA, HAVE TOLD US ABOUT WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED. THE NEW FOREIGN MINISTER MAY NOT FORMALLY APPROVE THE PRO-GRAM FOR ANOTHER DAY OR TWO, ACCORDING TO TEJA. WE ARE THEREFORE TRANSMITTING THEIR SUGGESTIONS WITH THE THOUGHT THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO HAVE ADVANCE COMMENTS TO PRESENT WHEN THE SCHEDULE IS FORMALLY GIVEN TO US.

2. THE SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

1800 ARRIVE PALAM AIRPORT FROM MOSCOW.

2030 BLACK TIE DINNER BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN

IN HONOR OF THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER. (ATTENDING FROM THE INDIAN SIDE WOULD PROBABLY BE DEFENSE MINISTER SWARAN SINGH, AGRICULTURE MINISTER JAGJIVAN RAM, AND FINANCE MINISTER C. SUBRAMANIAM. SIX TO EIGHT AMERICANS WOULD BE INVITED. NO

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PRESS. CULTURAL PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN DANCE AND SITAR AFTER-

WARDS.)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

0930 THE SECRETARY LAYS A WREATH AT RAJGHAT (MEMORIAL TO GANDHI).

1000- DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS STAFF AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. (TO INCLUDE DISCUSSION OF THE JOINT COMMISSION AND IDENTIFICATION OF AREAS OF COOPERATION IN THE SUB-COMMISSION FIELDS.)

1200-1300 MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER (TETE-A-TETE).

1300 PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH FOR THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER.

1800 ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS (BY INVITATION).

1900- RECEPTION BY THE FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, THE INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND THE ASSOCIATED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.

2030 BLACK TIE DINNER BY THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER FOR FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

0930 DEPART FOR PANTNAGAR, THE UTTAR PRADESH STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY, WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED WITH US HELP AND IS PATTERNED AFTER OUR LAND-GRANT COLLEGES. ABOUT 130 MILES FROM DELHI, WHICH WOULD BE DONE BY AIR. AMBASSADOR KAUL SUGGESTS A VISIT TO A NEARBY GAME PRESERVE, CORBETT PARK, AS WELL, BY EITHER CAR OR HELICOPTER.

1630 RETURN TO NEW DELHI (EARLIER IF CORBETT IS ELIMINATED).

1700 POSSIBLE SIGNING CEREMONY FOR THE JOINT COMMISSION, SECOND MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, SECOND MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR RADIO/TV INTERVIEW.

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1900 PRESS CONFERENCE AT BIGYAN BHAVAN (GOI CONFERENCE HALL).

2030 DINNER BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO MEET ABOUT 20 INTELLECTUALS, WRITERS, AUTHORS, SCIENTISTS. SPOUSES WILL NOT ATTEND UNLESS THEY QUALIFY IN THEIR OWN RIGHT. MRS. KISSINGER WOULD BE EXPECTED IF SHE IS IN TOWN (SEE BELOW).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

0900 DEPART FROM PALAM AIRPORT FOR DACCA.

3. COMMENTS:

A. THERE IS A LARGE HOLE ON THE AFTERNOON OF THE FIRST DAY. DOES THE SECRETARY WANT TO USE THIS FOR STAFF TIME? SHOULD WE SUGGEST CALLS ON AGRICULTURE MINISTER JAGJIVAN RAM AND FINANCE MINISTER C. SUBRAMANIAM, ON WHOM THE SECRETARY CALLED IN 1971, WHEN THEY WERE RESPECTIVELY IN CHARGE OF DEFENSE AND PLANNING?

B. ON THE SECOND DAY, WE ASSUME THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO HOST HIS RETURN DINNER AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE, ROOSEVELT HOUSE. WE ARE PREPARING SUGGESTIONS FOR A GUEST LIST OF ABOUT 40 IN TOTO.

C. THE GOI'S IDEA ON THE THIRD DAY IS TO GET THE SECRETARY OUT TO SEE AGRICULTURE AND RURAL INDIA AT SOME LOCATION. SINCE PROPOSING PANTNAGAR, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT THE UNIVERSITY IS ON STRIKE. THEY MAY PUSH ON ANYWAY OR SUGGEST AN ALTERNATIVE. IF THEY DO DECIDE ON PANTNAGAR, WE ADVISE AGAINST THE SIDE TRIP TO CORBETT PARK, WHICH OFFERS ONLY WILD ANIMALS, AND THEY ARE USUALLY ABROAD ONLY IN THE EARLY MORNING OR LATE AFTERNOON.

D. THAT AFTERNOON, AFTER THE SECRETARY'S RETURN TO DELHI, THERE ARE SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES. OF THESE, THE SECRETARY MIGHT WANT TO EXCUSE HIMSELF FROM THE RADIO/TV INTERVIEW IN FAVOR OF RADIO/TELEVISION COVERAGE OF HIS PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. MRS. KISSINGER'S SCHEDULE: AMBASSADOR KAUL SAID THIS PROGRAM HAD BEEN PREPARED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT MRS. KISSINGER WILL NOT ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY TO DACCA. KAUL SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS THIS IS THE PLAN FROM HIS DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE NOT
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ENCOURAGED THIS IDEA BUT REPORT HIS PROPOSAL AS HE PUT IT.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27
1800 ARRIVAL AT PALAM AIRPORT.

2030 BLACK TIE DINNER BY FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN FOLLOWED BY CULTURAL PERFORMANCE.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

0900- SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING IN NEW DELHI (NEHRU MUSEUM AND LIBRARY
,
1200 QUTB MINAR, COTTAGE INDUSTRIES EMPORIUM, DRIVE AROUND NEW DELHI
).

1300 LUNCH WITH PRIME MINISTER GANDHI.

1430 LEAVE PALAM AIRPORT BY INDIAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT FOR AGRA.

1500 ARRIVE AGRA. VISIT TAJ MAHAL AND RED FORT.

2030 BLACK TIE DINNER BY THE SECRETARY IN HONOR OF THE FOREIGN
MINISTER.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

0900 DEPART FOR PANTNAGAR.

1630 RETURN TO NEW DELHI (EARLIER IF VISIT TO CORBETT PARK IS
SCRUBBED).

1700 DEPART FOR KASHMIR (GUEST OF GOVERNOR AND FORMER AMBASSADOR
TO THE US, L.K. JHA).

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

1700 LEAVE KASHMIR FOR NEW DELHI.
REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN NEW DELHI.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

REJOIN SECRETARY KISSINGER EN ROUTE TO ISLAMABAD.
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5. COMMENT: MONDAY LOOKS MUCH TOO STRENUOUS. MRS. KISSINGER MIGHT
LIKE TO SEE DELHI OR AGRA BUT NOT BOTH IN ONE DAY. IT WOULD BE
EXHAUSTING TO GO TO AGRA TO SEE THE TAJ AND THE RED FORT AND BACK
THAT AFTERNOON. IF MRS. KISSINGER IS NOT GOING TO DACCA, SHE COULD
DO ONE OF THESE ON WEDNESDAY, OR SHE COULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION TO
GO TO KASHMIR. KASHMIR WILL BE COLD BUT BEAUTIFUL. A MORE COMFORT-
ABLE AND RELAXING ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE UDAIPUR, WHERE THE FORMER
PALACE IN THE CENTER OF A LAKE HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A HOTEL. IT
WOULD BE WARMER THAN KASHMIR, WITH FAR MORE INTERESTING ARCH-
ITECTURE, BUT WITHOUT THE MOUNTAINS.

6. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAS TOLD US IT IS NINETY-FIVE PERCENT
CERTAIN

THAT THE SECRETARY WILL BE THE GUEST OF THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA AT HIS
OFFICIAL RESIDENCE (RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN). THERE WILL BE SPACE FOR
SEVERAL OTHERS FROM THE SECRETARY'S PARTY AS WELL AS AN OFFICE. ON
THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE PRESIDENT DOES INVITE THE SECRETARY TO BE
HIS GUEST, WE WILL WANT TO KNOW WHETHER THE SPECIAL ASSISTANTS'
OFFICE SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IN RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN OR IN THE ASHOKA
HOTEL WHERE THE BALANCE OF THE PARTY WILL BE STAYING. A SUITE IN THE
HOTEL FOR THE SECRETARY'S USE FOR RECEIVING GUESTS WOULD ALSO BE

AVAILABLE.
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